



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1096

medical radiologic technology

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OVERVIEW

SB 1096 updates the statutes related to the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Authority (ARRA) and the Medical Radiologic Technology Board (Board) and continues the ARRA and the Board for two years.

PROVISIONS

1. Stipulates that a physician assistant is not required to obtain any other license from the ARRA for the use of a diagnostic x-ray machine. A physician assistant is governed by their own practice act.
2. Allows the director of the Board to adopt rules related to the provisions identifying the types of applications of ionizing radiation for a practical technologist in bone densitometry, radiation therapy technologist, mammographic technologist, nuclear medicine technologist, bone densitometry technologist, computed tomography technologist, radiologic assistant and any new radiologic modality technologist.
3. Removes the requirement that the Board consider standards of the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association, when approving a school of radiologic technology.
4. Includes an out-of-state school of radiologic technology that is approved by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board as acceptable courses of study for a radiologic technologist, radiation therapy technologist or nuclear medicine technologist.
5. Includes a practical technologist in bone density certification.
6. Increases the continuing education requirements for a practical technologist in bone density from *one hour* every two years to *two hours* every two years.
7. Requires the following continuing education requirements:
 - a. Radiologist assistant, 50 hours every two years;
 - b. Radiologic technologist, 24 hours every two years; and
 - c. Radiation therapy technologist, 24 hours every two years.
8. Outlines the titles that a certificate holder may utilize, as applicable.
9. Allows the Board on its own motion or the executive director if delegated by the Board, to investigate any evidence that appears to show the existence of any of the causes or grounds

for disciplinary action. The Board may investigate any complaint that alleges the existence of any of the causes or grounds for disciplinary action.

10. Requires a person who wishes to perform computed tomography to obtain a computed technologist certificate from the Board.
11. Clarifies that the Board must issue a certificate when the applicant pays a *prorated* application fee.
12. Requires an applicant for mammographic certification to complete training and education requirements and pass an examination.
13. States that an applicant for computed tomography technologist certification provide documentation for the past two years of experience in computed tomography and completion of 12 hours of computed tomography specific education or pass an examination.
14. Rewrites the education requirements for a mammographic technologist and a computed tomography technologist by deleting the current requirements and including the following:
 - a. The applicant must meet the initial training and education requirements for the Mammographic Quality Standards Act Regulations for Quality Standards of Mammographic Technologists (21 CFR § 900.12);
 - b. The Board must issue a student mammography permit to a person who is in training and meets the requirements, if the applicant also provides the Board with verification of employment and the name of the radiologist who agrees to be responsible for the applicants supervision and training; and
 - c. A student mammography permit is valid for one year from the date it is issued and may be renewed one time for an additional six months. If the holder completes all of the requirements within the permitted period, the Board must issue a mammographic technologist certificate. The mammographic technologist certificate must be renewed as prescribed.
15. Requires a computed tomography applicant to have passed an examination in mammography administered by the Board or, in lieu of its own examination, the Board may accept a certification issued on the basis of an examination certificate-granting body recognized by the Board.
16. Mandates that an applicant for renewal of a mammographic technologist certificate must meet the continuing education requirements of the Mammography Quality Standards Act Regulations for Quality Standards of Mammographic Technologists (21 CFR § 900.12).
17. Continues the ARRA for two years, retroactive to July 1, 2016.
18. Continues the Board for two years, retroactive to July 1, 2016.
19. Requires the Board and the ARRA to issue a joint report to the House Health and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee of Reference regarding progress on the implementation of the Auditor General's recommendations. Repeals this section from and after December 31, 2017.
20. Contains purpose sections.
21. Defines *bone densitometry technologist*, *computed tomography technologist*, *mammographic technologist*, *nuclear medicine technologist*, *radiation therapy technologist* and modifies the definition of *radiologist assistant*.

CURRENT LAW

[A.R.S. 32-2803](#) permits the director of the ARRA, after consultation with and approval of the Board and after notice and public hearing to adopt rules as needed, to carry out the purposes of the chapter. The rules must include but are not limited to; minimum standards of training and experience for persons to be certified and procedures for examining applicants for certification; and provisions identifying the types of applications of ionizing radiation for practical technologist in podiatry, practical technologist in radiology and radiologic technologist and those minimum standards of education and training to be met by each type of applicant.

Further statutes within the chapter outline processes for Board approval of schools, application requirements, additional duties of the Board, terms and renewals for certificates and inspection processes for verifying that certified individuals are practicing within their scope of practice.